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In re Patent Application of:

Shuzo SATO, et al.

Examiner: T. Mackey

Application No.: 09/800,580

Art Unit: 1765

Filed: March 8, 2001

**Confirmation No.: 5367**

For: METHODS OF PRODUCING AND POLISHING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
AND POLISHING APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

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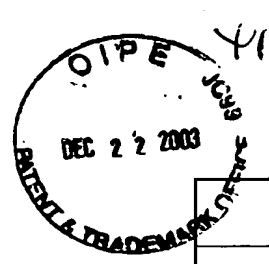
Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

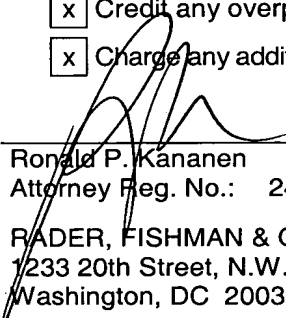


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Art Unit 1765					
Applicant(s): Shuzo SATO, et al.					
Invention: METHODS OF PRODUCING AND POLISHING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND POLISHING APPARATUS					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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